

Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction

2008 Patient Safety Awards

The Betsy Lehman Center's annual patient safety awards were originally established in 2005 to recognize leadership and innovation in patient safety, including public awareness, education and promotion of systems-based solutions through the implementation of best practices. Eligible applicants and nominees for the awards include health care facilities, organizations and individuals.

Each year the award has been linked to the theme of the Center's Annual Symposium in December. The 2008 patient safety award will focus attention on public transparency and distinguish those individuals/facilities/organizations that can demonstrate a commitment to transparency with the active involvement of patients and families in quality and safety initiatives.

The 2008 awards will be presented to the winners during the 5th Annual Betsy Lehman Patient Safety Symposium to be held on December 2, 2008.

The 2008 Betsy Lehman Patient Safety Recognition Award – Nomination Form

This annual award was established to recognize leadership and innovation in patient safety through the implementation of best practices that include: public awareness, education, and the promotion of system-based solutions.

The 2008 awards will be presented to recipients who best demonstrate a commitment to public transparency and the active involvement of patients in quality and safety initiatives.* Eligible applicants include: health care facilities, organizations and individuals.

I. Nominee Information

Name(s) of Individual or Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail: _____

II. Review Criteria

Factors that will be considered by the review committee:

- The degree to which the nominee's initiative[†] demonstrates: public transparency, a change in organizational culture and/or the advancement of patient safety; (25%)
- The nominee's ability to demonstrate the measured success of their initiative to promote public transparency; (25%)
- The inclusion of patients or their advocates in the development of these initiatives; and (25%)
- The potential for the initiative to be replicated by other entities. (25%)

* Examples include: (1) web-based public reporting systems; (2) post discharge patient satisfaction surveys; (3) consumer education materials; and (4) patient and family advisory councils.

[†] Please note that **initiative(s)** include: innovations, policies or programs.

III. Submission Format

Nomination packets should include:

- 1) A cover letter
- 2) A completed nomination form
- 3) A maximum five page description of the patient safety initiative.

Self-nominations are allowed.

It is *preferred* that materials are sent by e-mail to:

Carla.Cicerchia@state.ma.us

Packets maybe postmarked to:

The Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction
250 Washington Street, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02108
ATTN: Carla Cicerchia

IV. Timeline

The deadline for submitting nominations is **November 7, 2008**. Awards will be presented at the 5th Annual Betsy Lehman Patient Safety Symposium on December 2, 2008.

Questions related to the awards process should be directed to Carla Cicerchia at (617) 994-9829 or Carla.Cicerchia@state.ma.us

The Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety and Medical Error Reduction was started in 2004. It serves to improve patient safety and reduce medical errors through: bringing together state agency initiatives; promoting collaboration between the public and private sectors; coordinating state and federal patient safety programs; and educating health care providers, patients and the public. The Center is named for a Boston Globe health reporter, Betsy Lehman, who died in 1994 following a chemotherapy overdose.